

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the amended Abstract that appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix:

Page 1, line 3, insert the following heading:  
--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before line 1, insert the following heading:  
--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following heading:  
--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 2, between line 32, insert the following heading:  
--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--The separator plate 7 is shown in detail in Fig. 2. This separator plate consists of a support of stainless steel material, such as [[3]] 1 AISI 310 having a thickness of, for example, 0.5 mm. An adhesion layer 6 composed of a metal chromium aluminium yttrium alloy, such as NiCrAlY, is applied on top of this. The thickness of this layer is approximately 40-60 m. The adhesion layer material can be applied in powder form by using as the starting material an NiCrAlY powder having a particle size of between 10 and 45  $\mu\text{m}$ , which is applied using the HVOF spraying technique.--